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To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
cc
Subject America's Energy Security

Message Body

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Like Governor Manchin, Senator Rockefeller, Representative Capito and countless more federal, state and municipal officials representing the Appalachian states, I am angry and appalled by your decision to rescind the legal permit for Spruce Number 1 mine in West Virginia. This permit was issued two years ago, after 10 years of rigorous scrutiny by multiple federal and state agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the West Virginia DEP and the EPA.

Ironically, your decision came the same day we read news reports that you told Congress that you do not want to kill coal mining in America.

Your decision shows that you fail to understand one of the fundamental realities of coal mining in the 21st century: modern mining is environmentally and economically responsible. Tens of thousands of people depend on coal for their jobs – not just those who work for coal companies, but also those who work in factories, stores, restaurants and banks. Thanks to modern mining, mining lands have been turned into wildlife reserves, athletic fields, airports and shopping malls – all for the benefit of the people who live in the Appalachian states and those who visit.

We understand that you have joined forces with the well-funded radical environmentalists who would rather see us on welfare than on the job. Because of your alliance with these radicals, thousands of your fellow Americans will now see their lives ruined.

The permitting process needs to be open, fair and transparent. Please don't take away the opportunity to work and secure our family's future.

Truly,

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